Watch ye, stand fast in the Faith, quit
Text. 13 you like men, be strong.
1 Cor. 16 Introduction
Theme: Decision of Xn character.

Intro. I. Self is free to choose.
1. Ideas and feelings occasion self to choose.
2. Self in choosing
a- selects, b- determines, c- originates
brings into activity.
3. Choice a matter of growth from
childhood to manhood. - an inner
growth amid outer circumstances.
4. Choice a matter of education
a- What one has accomplished
or has become is the result
of his having willed to do.
b- Mr. leaders and rulers of the
world have become so by the
exercise of great will-powers.

II. Decision of character is
the basis of a strong (and withstanding) manhood.
1. All the great characters in History
were men and women of decision.
Examples.
2. All the great characters of the Bible
were men and women of decision.
Examples.

Body I. The relationship of immediate
decisions for X to the growth
of Xn character.
1. Here one improves without the other
a- Expecting to grow in the X-life
by believing in X without deciding

for Him is like expecting to go from S.F. to N.Y. by following that the train will take you there without your producing a ticked and getting aboard!
b- or like expecting to realize a rich harvest from the grain you have stored in your barn without sowing it in the ground.

2. Immediate decision is the beginning of Xn growth.
a- Expecting to grow in the Xn life now & deciding for X later on is impossible.
1'- Next years train to N.Y. will not start us for that city now.
2'- Grain planted next year will not sprout this Spring and come to harvest this Fall.
b- Immediate decision is beginning to "stand fast in the faith"; is beginning to "quit you like men"; is beginning to "be strong."

II. Some reasons why believers in X should make immediate decision for Him:
1. Until they so decide they are knowingly developing non-Xn characters.
2. Until they so decide they are willfully doing the things they know they ought not to

do and are willfully not doing
the things they know they
ought to do.

3. Hence the longer believers defer
their decision the harder it
becomes for them to decide.

4. The only way.

Conclusion.

The great need of Xn character
in the church and in the
world of affairs today. God
wants us and our fellow
men need us.

A thoroughfare outline. I accept-d.
Victims-criticism.

1. Heb. 11: 24-26 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.

2. 1 Kings 18: 21 And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

Intro. Decision:

I. Self is free to choose motives
1. Choice is occasioned by ideas and feelings
2. Self, as choice, determines.
3. " " " originates activity
4. " " " prefers — Clay.
5. Law is Choice
a. Laws of Nature. b. Mental laws.
c. Expressed laws. {parent legislatures.
6. Growth of choice from childhood towards
7. Education of choice -
"What you achieve is simply a question of will."
"The men and women of great will power rule the world.

II. Decision of character the basis of a grand manhood.
Body. All great characters of the Bible were men and women of decision.

Character depends upon what we do and what we do is a matter of chance,

— way, meat, sand, clay, shaving

— Legend of the Seminole Indians.
Great Spirit makes 3 fair men.

— Man, whiskey, revolver, mystery!

The Bull-dog Grip on the SC-life!

Red-Man —

Picture of the ✓ knocking at the door. — key on inside.

Opportunity is knocking at our door

Success

Greatness

Character

Happiness

WINNING.

Young man,
What is your plan
Of progress? Are you
Going to pull thru?
Or will you lie down in the road
And let your load
Sink you out of sight in the mud?
Have you white blood and pale,
That curdles at the hard word "Fail,"
And dares not face
The chances of the race?
Or, have you red, clear ƀłøøđ red,
The good strong color
All the great have shed
In deed or thot,
For every triumph wrot
Out of what seemed full øf ŧħø
Of the impossible?
Have you the nerve ŧø ſørvø
To serve
Until you can master? To wait
And work outside the gate
Until you win
The strength to open it and enter in?
Have you the heart to meet
Defeat
Day after day,
And yet hold to the way
That upward leads,
And must needs
Be hard and rough
To make man tough
Of sinew and of soul,
Before he sees the goal?
Young man,
Think on these things,
What each one brings

WINNING. (continued).

Is as you choose it;
You may take
The stake,
Or you may lose it.
Start in to win
And keep straight in the way
Unflagging to the end;
Whatever it may be
Is VICTORY.

W.J.Lampton. in"Success"